

RE: RM-10641

The original petition was vaguely worded; but, the thrust is clear:

Retail outlets are selling many radios, which under current FCC rules should be licensed. Due to lax enforcement the radios are not being registered in any licensing process.

The retail outlets are currently not required to collect name and address info from these buyers and the buyers are not under any scrutiny that would pressure them to correctly license the radios once they leave the store.

Advertising by the store, which may or may not be seen by the buyer, suggests that a license is needed, but store personnel, in my experience, rarely, if ever, mention the need during the purchase.

The petitioner states that GMRS radios are being sold under this guise; but radios that are for legal use in the Amateur Radio Service are also sold to anyone who has the financial ability to do so.

The radios are then used without a license, in the same frequency ranges that people who obey the law are using. Certainly, the fact that these individuals are allowed to operate without a license in frequency band where all users are required to be licensed is a bad example for others and causes disrespect for the law.

Furthermore, the illegal and unknowledgeable use of these radios on some frequencies can cause disruption of communications ability by other licensed users. In the case of the Amateur Radio Service this may cause a disruption of disaster communications, which they often handle.

Thank you for a chance to comment.

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